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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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1. ISRAEL WOMEN'S NETWORK

Address: P.O. Box 53186
Jerusalem 91531
Israel

Category requested: special

Date established: 1984.

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 2,400 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for year 1996 (United States dollars):

Income	661 316
Membership dues	11 328
Contributions from Governments	7 310
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	
Revenue from contracts etc.	
Other income	642 678
Total	661 316
Expenditure	638 246
Administration	166 965
Projects	471 281
Other activities	
Total	638 246

IWN is a non-partisan organization which aims to improve the status and welfare of women in Israel by promoting women's rights, combating discrimination and firmly placing women's issues and perspectives on the national agenda. IWN is the country's foremost advocacy group for women. It represents women at national and international forums, provides expert testimony and consultation for decision-making bodies, including the legislature, and is a major source of information on the status of women in Israel. Through all its activities, IWN aims to raise consciousness of gender inequality and to bring women's issues to the forefront of public attention.

IWN has developed special competence in several areas. Its legal experts have initiated and drafted important legislation on behalf of women (e.g. the Prevention of Domestic Violence Law, numerous amendments to the Equal Employment and Equality of Opportunity Laws, Extension of the Statute of Limitations for Crimes of Incest) and have represented plaintiffs and appellants in precedent-setting cases, especially in the Supreme Court. Major legal victories include a ruling endorsing affirmative action in favour of women and rulings banning

discriminatory practices against women in the Israel Defense Force and in the National Health Service.

IWN leadership courses and seminars are providing women across the country and in all types of communities with the essential skills required for personal and professional advancement. IWN educational courses are helping to combat preconceptions regarding women's roles and abilities, while IWN health programmes are helping to develop research and care facilities specifically related to women's needs.

IWN intends to participate in all United Nations conferences and forums in order to provide a woman's perspective, to present special reports on the status of women in Israel, and to submit oral and written statements that pertain to women and women's welfare.

2. LOCAL GOVERNMENT INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Address: 35 Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3BJ
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Category requested: general

Date established: 18 August 1988

Membership: a national organization with no individual members, and 410 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for year ending 31 March 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	1 300 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	
Other income	165 490
Total	1 465 490
Expenditure	
Administration	1 418 663
Projects	
Other activities	
Total	1 418 663

Activities

The Local Government International Bureau, which is the international outreach arm of the Local Government Association of England, the Welsh Local Government Association, the Association of Local Authorities of Northern Ireland and the Convention of Scottish Local Authorities, seeks accreditation to the Economic and Social Council as the national affiliate body of the International Union of Local Authorities (IULA). IULA is based in The Hague, Netherlands, and has regional branches in all United Nations regions. IULA is in consultative status with the Council. The Bureau seeks accreditation under the procedure set out in Council resolution 1996/31.

Bureau personnel have been active within the United Nations system for a number of years, not only through IULA's consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, but within the context of the United Kingdom local authority contribution and response to United Nations activities. The Bureau has provided the interface between the United Nations process and the national/local implementation of the outcomes of the Earth Summit (1992). In cooperation with

IULA, and with the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, the Bureau has promoted Local Agenda 21, the mechanism for the implementation of Agenda 21 at local level, among its members. It also promotes the Habitat Agenda in tandem with Local Agenda 21. Bureau personnel have also participated in the World Summit for Social Development, the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), the Commission on Human Settlements and the sessions of the Commission on Sustainable Development.

A Committee of senior elected members formed to guide and inform the United Nations-related activities of the United Kingdom local authority associations and their member authorities, has recently been confirmed and strengthened, despite budget constraints in other areas. This demonstrates the Bureau's commitment to the cause of the United Nations, and especially its activities relevant to the local authority sector.

The Bureau has also been active within the "partnership" strategy practised by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), in seeking to build interfaces between levels of government, social groups and sectoral interests and activities. For example, a strong delegation was sent to the recent International Conference on Governance for Sustainable Growth and Equity organized by UNDP.

3. COUNCIL FOR THE DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS

Address: Velusha 46,38000
Prishtina, Kosovo
Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Category requested: general

Date established: 2 November 1990

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 74 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	27 500
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	15 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	1 500
Other income	-
Total	43 500

Expenditure

Administration	14 300
Projects	12 000
Other activities	2 150
Total	35 450

Summary of aims and activities

On 14 December 1989, a group of intellectuals and political activists founded the Council for the Defence of Human Rights in Prishtina, having as an objective the monitoring of human rights abuses in Kosovo and other ethnic Albanian regions in the territory of former Yugoslavia, to inform international and local public opinion, and when possible to defend all those whose rights have been violated. In fact, we have not been in a position to defend them legally, but for the first time in the history of the Albanians in Kosovo we succeeded in recording the violation of human rights prevailing in Kosovo. We have provided free legal advice to all of those whose rights have been violated by the authorities.

Ever since, the Council has produced weekly, monthly, quarterly, semi-annual and annual reports on human rights abuses. During these past years, the Council has been very busy in recording the human rights violations: hundreds have been killed, wounded and mutilated or have been subjected to other forms of inhuman and degrading treatment. Thousands of Albanians have been

imprisoned, poisoned, dismissed arbitrarily from their jobs and evicted from their homes. Since pupils and the students have no access to their school buildings, secondary schools and the university have been closed for several years. Our information has been pertinent to many international organizations and United Nations bodies, reports, and resolutions passed by the Commission on Human Rights, the General Assembly and the Security Council.

As regards the future work of the Council, we expect to introduce our reports to the Commission on Human Rights and to condemn human rights abuses in any parts of the world, whenever they occur.

For the time being, our status is very unfavourable and inferior: we don't enjoy the right to take the floor, even though we feel that we have plenty to say. We will act in the framework of international standards and respect all United Nations norms and standards. We already have the experience as regards the work with the Economic and Social Council but we need to act independently.

4. INTERNATIONAL PROSTITUTES COLLECTIVE

Address: P.O. Box 14512
San Francisco
California 94114
United States of America
Tel: 1 415 626 4114
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Category requested: general

Date established: 1975

Membership: international organization, with 2,830 individual members in 26 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	2 880
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	14 165
Total	17 045

Expenditure

Administration	6 755
Projects: research project	3 069
Other activities:	
Reports/services	1 280
International networking/conferences	5 584
Total	16 688

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Aims

Aims are to:

(a) Highlight the effects and end the criminalization of prostitute women, children and men;

(b) Ensure that sex workers have protection against rape and other violence;

(c) Highlight the fact that prostitute women are women like other women, and ensure that sex workers everywhere have a voice and that their needs and demands are met;

(d) Press for sex workers to be recognized as workers with human, legal and civil rights;

(e) Oppose the racism, sexism and other discrimination based on legal and economic status, disability, sexual preference and so on faced by sex workers, including immigrant and migrant women;

(f) Make visible the economic contribution of sex workers, most of whom are mothers, to the survival and welfare of families and communities;

(g) Make policy makers aware of how the feminization of poverty, including structural adjustment programmes and economic restructuring, increases the numbers of women and children worldwide forced into prostitution;

(h) Press for viable economic alternatives so that no one is forced into prostitution by poverty;

(i) Gather and convey changes in public opinion that support the safety and rights of sex workers and their families;

(j) Work with individual Governments, United Nations agencies, the non-governmental organization community and the private sector to see that our aims become reality.

Activities

Towards these ends our activities include:

(a) Providing support, advice and information to prostitute women on the laws and their enforcement, safety, child custody, immigration, health, housing, welfare and other benefits;

(b) Running public education campaigns to raise awareness of sex workers' experiences and concerns;

(c) Gathering information and maintaining files on the prostitution laws and their impact on the lives of individuals and communities;

(d) Speaking to community groups, professional organizations, editorial boards, national and international conferences, schools, universities; and holding public meetings and media interviews;

(e) Lobbying local and national Governments;

(f) Publishing and contributing to articles, newsletters, books;

(g) Ensuring grass-roots participation and representation in relevant United Nations conferences and briefings; meeting representatives of United

Nations agencies and government delegates; mailing and e-mailing information on United Nations activity and developments affecting sex workers.

Participation

We intend to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending the meetings of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 1998 and beyond, and the United Nations Commission for Social Development; being part of the non-governmental organization community including the NGO Committee on the Status of Women; conveying to our constituents and the general public progress and developments on our issues; and relaying the concerns of our constituents to the United Nations.

5. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN ORGANISATIONS IN UGANDA

Address: P.O. Box 1663, Kampala
Plot 1 Perryman Gardens
Off Hoima Road, Old Kampala
Uganda
Tel: 256-41-258463
Fax: 256-41-245293

Category requested: general

Date established: January 1992

Membership: national organization, with 1,500 community-based organization members and 70 national organization members.

Summary of financial statement for year ending June 1998 (Uganda shillings)

Income

Membership dues (subscriptions/registrations)	525 000
Contributions from Governments	
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	
Revenue from contracts etc.	
Other income	372 674 284
Total	373 199 284

Expenditure

Administration	5 116 500
Projects	313 613 448
Total	318 729 948

Aims and activities; participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

The mission of the National Association of Women Organisations in Uganda (NAWOU) is to promote a coordinated network of member organizations for the efficient use of resources so as to improve the status and living conditions of women in Uganda.

NAWOU's objectives are to mobilize women to form groups in order to address development issues of common concern; to coordinate and strengthen links between member non-governmental organizations throughout Uganda; to facilitate and coordinate networking between women groups, to encourage and develop arrangements for active and close cooperation with associates and other bodies throughout the world having similar aims and objectives; to be the voice and pressure group for member non-governmental organizations and all women of Uganda

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through lobbying and advocacy; to promote research into, and the collection of gender statistics on critical issues of concern to women organizations; and to assist in the mobilization of resources for community-based women's organizations in order to help them achieve their objectives.

NAWOU will share experience through workshops, conferences and newsletters with United Nations members and will contribute ideas and skills on all areas of concern for the improvement of the status of women.

6. ASSOCIATION POUR LA FONDATION MOHSEN HACHTROUDI

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France
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Category requested: special

Date established: 1995

Membership: international organization with 102 individual members and five organization members in three countries

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (French francs)

Income	37 935.85
Membership dues	37 935.85
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	-
Total	37 935.85
Expenditure	30 866.53
Administration	19 395.80
Projects	11 471.45
Other activities	-
Total	30 866.53

Our aim is to become a foundation based on Iranian soil. Given the current political situation in the Islamic Republic of Iran, our preparatory work is being done in Europe. Our objectives continue to be education, a secular society, democracy and human rights.

We wish to emphasize that our Association already enjoys solid credibility; it is supported by internationally known and respected organizations. We believe ourselves to be capable of participating in the work of the Economic and Social Council in a spirit of tolerance, objectivity and impartiality. We firmly believe that there will be increasing need in future for the contributions of non-governmental organizations of proven seriousness. We hope to become a moral authority for the future Islamic Republic of Iran which we hope will be democratic. Opposition forces are needed to preserve democracy, especially in countries which have suffered from dogmatism and dictatorship.

Non-governmental organizations are already a very significant force of opposition in the world.

MoHa is working towards these objectives and for a better future for Iranians.

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7. CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY WORLDWIDE

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Surrey, KT3 3YF
United Kingdom
Tel: 0181 942 8810
Fax: 0181 942 8821

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 29 December 1980

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 11,811 individual members and 1,266 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	27 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	605 558
Total	632 558
Expenditure	
Administration	116 624
Projects	340 244
Other activities	122 731
Total	579 599

CSW aims to be a "voice for the voiceless". We work on behalf of persecuted Christians and others, and believe that it is our Christian mission to reach those people who are among the most outcast, the most deprived and most vulnerable.

Religious liberty advocacy

As a human rights organization, CSW reports on violations of human rights to numerous political arenas. It is also our policy to invite representatives of the media to accompany missions to areas where we are working in order to raise awareness and speak on behalf of victims of persecution who cannot speak for themselves.

Accountability

Although we are primarily a human rights organization, we believe that it is insufficient to be a voice for the voiceless when those for whom we are speaking are dying of hunger and treatable disease. Therefore, an additional dimension of humanitarian aid is often required, especially where no other aid agencies are able to be present. We endeavour to be accountable, by sending staff to accompany aid, ensuring that it reaches those in need.

Authenticity

The credibility of reports on the plight of those suffering persecution is enhanced by first-hand evidence, including photographs and films. We also seek, where possible, to obtain the permission of those whom we seek to serve.

Solidarity

The people whom we try to reach are frequently cut off from most other organizations. They may be suffering living in war zones, for example, where without aid, they are also bereft of the advocacy that often accompanies aid. Those who it has been our privilege to visit repeatedly emphasize that our presence shows that they are not forgotten. This often transpires to be of greater comfort and significance than any material supplies.

Participation in the work of the Council

There are numerous ways in which we hope to participate in the work of the Council. Obviously, if granted consultative status, we would wish to give evidence to the Human Rights Commission and the Subcommission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Submissions would also be made to the various thematic and country Rapporteurs, and relevant Committees. We would endeavour to support improved monitoring and seek to work in partnership with other non-governmental organization networks, such as the Non-Governmental Organization Committee on Freedom of Religion and Belief. Obviously we would also seek to contribute to other relevant bodies, such as the ILO and UNESCO.

8. AHMEDABAD WOMEN'S ACTION GROUP

Address: 48 Somnathnagar
Vijaynagar Road, Naranpura
Ahmedabad-380013, Gujarat
India
Tel: 079-7470036
Fax: 079-7434122

Category requested: special

Date established: 1983

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 4,765 individual members, and 106 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997-1998 (Indian rupees)

Income

Government	4 55 506
Other non-governmental organizations	23 59 263
Other sources	3 24 585
Total	31 39 354

Expenditure

Administration	2 30 365
Projects	22 62 524
Other activities	8 02 262
Total	32 95 153

The Ahmedabad Women's Action Group (AWAG) is active in the area of raising women's awareness to their individuality, leading them to demand equality and social justice. The most urgent problem that women face today is that of early death caused by violence within the family and malnutrition. Women are led by AWAG to say "no" to violence, to assert their individuality and demand equality. It is through this process that AWAG seeks to promote and protect women's human rights.

AWAG coordinates the activities of women's organizations in Gujarat, India, on the issue of violence against women. In workshops, seminars and meetings, AWAG has consistently brought up the theme of the human rights of women. A display "Violence and women's human rights in India" was put on at a number of places in Gujarat, and discussions were held on the subject. The display was also put on during the Fourth World Conference on Women.

AWAG filed a petition in the Supreme Court of India to assert women's rights to equality under articles 14, 15 and 16 of the constitution of India,

and urged that the provisions in the personal laws of Hindus, Muslims and Christians discriminating against women be declared null and void.

AWAG protests against demeaning images of women presented in the mass media, representing women as objects. AWAG led a fruitful campaign to get school textbooks improved. The textbooks in Gujarat are published by the state government. AWAG researched the textbooks and recommended changes so that the material put into the hands of growing children would communicate messages of equality of the sexes.

AWAG has been active in the area of conducting gender sensitization training for the members of the police force and the judiciary in Gujarat. This is being done in pursuance of United Nations resolutions and the Platform for Action spelt out at the Fourth World Conference on Women.

AWAG has led a campaign to demand change in the legislation concerning Muslim women.

In Gujarat women are more and more oppressed by poverty. Their bodies are weakening; their size seems to be dwindling; more and more children are born underweight. AWAG proposes to protect Indian women's rights to life and health, right to live with dignity and to have healthy bodies.

9. INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Address: P 65, Lake View Road
Calcutta 700 029
West Bengal, India

Category requested: general

Date established: 18 October 1996

Membership: The organization is an international organization with 29 individual members in 4 countries.

Summary of financial statement for the year 1996-1997 (Indian rupees)

Income

Membership dues	5 750
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from Intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts, etc.	36 500
Other income: Delegation fees	23 283
Donations	40 250
Total	105 783

Expenditure

Formation of company	6 651
Administration	1 979
Projects	62 939
Other activities	-
Misc.	6 924
Total	78 493

Note: All activities of the organization are conducted on a voluntary basis; therefore, minimal expenses are incurred at present.

The Institute of International Social Development aims to propagate, through its network, the aims and objectives of the United Nations to enhance the slogan of "One Earth One Family". The Institute has projects like SUSHIKSHA, which is a year-long literacy mission for the underprivileged women in developing and underdeveloped countries, so that these women can become self-reliant financially, socially and intellectually. Through these women and through the Institute's communication modes like the bimonthly magazine, The Visionary, we intend to convey the necessity of the ancient intrinsic value-system for checking the present trend towards self-centred mundane mental make-up of individuals and promoting a cooperative, socially beneficial frame of mind of individuals.

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We organized an international conference on values for a better world and sent its recommendations to the various governmental departments and institutions in India and abroad, including the United Nations and the non-governmental organizations associated with it. The Institute, by way of improving and advocating upgrading of the status of women, hopes to bring about dynamic changes in the life of children and other members of the families they hail from. As the pivot of every household, women, after becoming aware, can bring radical changes in the fields of health and hygiene, environment, education - especially that of the neglected girl child - eliminate child labour and participate in various income-generating programmes for financial solvency. We have initiated project SUSASTHA, whereby regular free health checkup camps with free medicines are set up in the slums and underprivileged areas in order to bring about primary health-care facilities in the concerned areas, especially for pregnant women, lactating mothers and children below the age of five years.

We have conducted seminars and workshops on issues like human rights and the environment, including a flower arrangement workshop (ikebana) jointly with the local Japanese cultural association. We are organizing counselling sessions for youth and students to warn them against drugs and illicit sex which can lead to AIDS and also for adult women on family planning and codes of family life.

An affiliation with the Economic and Social Council would help give direction and universality to our activities and information dissemination, which is aimed at promoting the ideals of the United Nations throughout the world.

10. HUMAN RIGHTS INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE

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United Kingdom

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Web site: http://www.hria.net
E-mail: HumanRights@HRIA.net

Category requested: special

Date established: 9 September 1994

Membership: Human Rights International Alliance (HRIA) is an international organization, with 2,829 individual members and 31 member organizations.

Financial statement for 1997 (pounds sterling)

Income

Membership dues	2 000
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	8 731
Total	10 731

Expenditure

Administration	1 704
Projects	4 000
Other activities	5 000
Total	10 704

Aims and activities

The aims of the organization are to identify areas for the betterment of the community both in terms of civil and political rights and economic, social and cultural rights, as per the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and relative covenants, with special emphasis on non-violence and protection of individuals' lives. The aims are to work in partnership with other national and regional human service organizations and human rights groups, bring common objectives and issues to public awareness, to promote multicultural awareness, relieve poverty, improve health conditions, promote education, improve economic and social conditions and save lives.

The organization, through direct services or referrals:

- Maintains a close association of member organizations and individuals, working for the common objective of promoting peace and human rights through research, analysis, education and rehabilitation;

- Is in the process of creating an international databank of human rights organizations and activists;

- Is in the process of creating a human rights hotline in order to monitor and ensure swift intervention in cases of arbitrary, insecure detentions;

- Promotes the basic human rights as per the United Nations Charter and relative international covenants. Brings awareness and educates the public through conferences, symposia and hearings on diverse human rights and thematic issues, such as role, responsibilities and cooperation of human rights actors, global ethnocide, women's rights, children's rights against exploitation and slavery, social and economic injustice, conflict prevention, human rights education etc.;

- Helps individual human rights activists, social workers and organizations by making them available for press interviews, public speaking engagements and corporate seminars;

- Appeals and campaigns for the release of prisoners of conscience, provides legal aid and relief for victims of political violence and torture;

- Promotes, encourages and undertakes research and disseminates the results of such activities. Produces, prints and publishes anything in written, oral or visual media in furtherance of the objectives;

- Provides the provision of counselling and guidance in furtherance of its objectives;

- Participates and contributes to international forums related to the objectives of the organization, including those organized by the Centre for Human Rights.

Human Rights International Alliance is an international organization whose mandate essentially covers the clauses included in United Nations human rights and related conventions.

Human Rights International Alliance was founded on the principle that the concept of non-governmental organizations active in all walks of life is spreading in the North as in the South. It seriously took into consideration the difficulties and necessities for regional organizations to be encouraged and make their goals, activities and achievements known. HRIA also realized the difficulties faced by international institutions, mainly the United Nations, to integrate all non-governmental bodies in its structure, and therefore chose to be a cross-cultural channel of knowledge and understanding with regard to human

rights and development issues. In this respect, HRIA activities correspond fully to the wishes expressed for the last few years by United Nations bodies for non-governmental organizations to get together and have common areas of understanding with consensus forms of expression within the United Nations system.

The activities of the organization are directed primarily towards promulgating better understanding and implementation of articles contained in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and of the recommendations and resolutions of the General Assembly, the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. They also focus on active participation in such forums and United Nations organized working groups, assistance to special rapporteurs and consultancy with independent experts, the improvement of international provisions and legal instruments in the interests of individuals, peoples and nations seeking territorial peace, social and economic development, and respect for integrity and dignity.

One of the major tasks for the organization is the setting up of a human rights hotline. The purpose of the hotline is to provide individuals, in all regions of the world, with immediate assistance in case of arbitrary arrests and/or insecure detention. The hotline being a recipient of such cases, it shall then appeal to the concerned authorities by activating the HRIA network of United Nations appropriate departments and officers, non-governmental organizations, Parliamentarians and individuals.

11. NORTH AMERICA TAIWANESE WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Address: 1317 Deans Dr.
Huntsville, AL 35802
United States of America

Category requested: general

Date established: 1988

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 844 individual members in two countries.

Summary of financial statement for year 1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	10 925
Other income	28 949
Total	39 874

Expenditure

Administration	3 153
Projects	5 740
Other activities	1 200
Total	10 093

The purposes of our organization are to promote and raise women's consciousness; to improve gender equality and to prevent gender discrimination; to develop and encourage women's ability to participate in public affairs; and to disseminate such knowledge to enrich both their public and personal lives.

To achieve our goals, we support a newspaper column in which different women's issues are widely discussed. We also publish a newsletter, hold workshops, conduct leadership training camps, and, on request, send speakers to different regional Taiwanese American summer camps and local NATWA chapters to promote women's causes. We also have several supporting groups and are engaged with community services. To help inner-city high school students in the United States to a better education, several scholarships are awarded each year.

We have been reaching out to other women's groups as well. Each year, different representatives of different women groups are invited to our annual conference.

Since our establishment in 1988, membership has grown from 40+ to the current 844. As our organization grows, new programme are initiated and new tasks undertaken every year to further achieve our organizational goals.

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We are confident that, should we be granted consultative status, we would be a valuable member. Issues and projects we are particularly interested in are those that are related to women's status and advancement in society. Problems that Asian women immigrants encounter are also of concern.

12. GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT CENTRE FOUNDATION

Address: 2-110 Ryokuchi-koen, Tsurumi-ku
Osaka 538-0036
Japan
Tel.: (81-6) 915-4121
Fax: (81-6) 915-0181
E-mail: gec@unep.org.jp

Category requested: special

Date established: 28 January 1992

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with seven organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1996 (Japanese yen)

Income	
Membership dues	
Contributions from Governments	4 500 000
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	306 128 297
Revenue from contracts etc.	42 391 000
Other	11 135 009
Total	454 154 306
Expenditure	
Administration	93 862 570
Projects	284 079 958
Other activities	70 320 000
Total	448 262 528

Global Environment Centre Foundation was established to make use of the abundant accumulation of knowledge and experience in the field of environmental preservation in Japan, in particular, those in the Kansai region, to support UNEP for urban environmental conservation in developing countries, to promote international cooperation for environmental conservation, and thereby to contribute to the conservation of the global environment which is one of the principle roles of the Economic and Social Council.

By providing information and points of view, GEC is able to contribute to the Commission for Sustainable Development where technology transfer and urban management are among the major issues discussed.

GEC activities which contribute to preservation of the global environment, especially to urban areas in developing countries include providing general

support for the activities of UNEP for urban environmental preservation in developing countries; undertaking surveys and research; collecting and disseminating information; holding training programmes, seminars and symposia; facilitating communications with international organizations, governmental organizations and research organizations in various countries; and any other activities necessary to achieve the mission of GEC.

GEC has many activities in technology transfer and conducts projects in close cooperation with UNEP/IETC. For example, GEC and IETC held a seminar on information systems of environmentally sound technologies in Indonesia.

In the past GEC has participated in UNEP meetings, including the Governing Council, as an observer and as a supporting member.

GEC would like to participate in meetings of CSD and UNEP and contribute to the discussion by providing information and views on technology transfer and urban environment management issues.

13. KASHMIRI AMERICAN COUNCIL

Address: 733-15th Street, NW, Suite 1100
Washington, D.C. 20005
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 5 April 1990

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 32,094 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	25 600
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	176 800
Other income	285 286
Total	488 210

Expenditure

Administration	92 989
Projects	284 892
Other activities	133 049
Total	510 930

The chief aim of the Kashmiri American Council (KAC) is international education and promotion of principles of human rights and human dignity, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, self-determination and fundamental freedoms for all, irrespective of their racial, religious, linguistic or sexual preferences. Its special concern is the realization of international human rights norms. Its programme includes public education (speaking at symposia and conferences, publishing newsletters, fact sheets, newspaper columns, letters to the editor, monographs, essays, and other documents) related to the broader scope and the programme of the Economic and Social Council. Its programme also includes attending international human rights conferences to strengthen international human rights conventions and mechanisms, such as a permanent international criminal court or ad hoc arrangements like those established for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda.

The KAC's educational mission also seeks to inform the public about the honourable causes of all oppressed peoples' internationally recognized right of self-determination, the horrifying conflicts that generally erupt when basic human rights are suppressed, and the imperative of working through peaceful means with all legitimate popular voices (and renouncing terrorism or violence) to resolve disputes.

KAC intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council by attending conferences and submitting papers that support international human rights conventions and adherence to human rights norms generally. KAC specifically is eager to explore an array of potential international sanctions and additional institutional arrangements that would better deter and punish human rights violations which tragically seem to have become commonplace among the family of nations. The several lofty economic, social and cultural objectives of the Economic and Social Council can never reach fruition when fratricide, conflict and human rights brutalities are afoot. That understanding places the peace-minded activities of KAC at the centre of the Council's raison d'être.

14. VOLUNTARY ACTION NETWORK INDIA

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New Delhi 110 017
India

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Fax: (011) 6220674
E-mail: vani@nda.vsnl.net.in

Category requested: general

Date established: April 1988

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 51 individual members and 180 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for year ending 31 March 1998 (Indian rupees)

Income	
Membership dues	67 440
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	3 627 837
Other income	594 880
Total	4 290 157
Expenditure	
Administration	882 451
Projects	2 122 643
Total	3 005 095

In the 1980s, the need to have a common platform to voice their collective opinion began to emerge among voluntary organizations. Consequently after debate and discussion between 1986 and 1988 on forming a national network for voluntary action, to strengthen the cause of voluntary organizations, an informal forum with definite objectives was set up. This led to the formation of VANI in April 1988.

VANI aims to be not only a voice of those who want to create an atmosphere for value-based voluntary action but also a common platform for highlighting the causes, concerns and issues which affect the freedom and space for voluntary action in India.

The priority programmes of VANI are to promote value-based voluntary action, to protect and promote political space for voluntary action, to facilitate the formation of platforms, networks and federations for the promotion of voluntary action, and strengthen existing ones, and to be a common platform for emerging issues of sectoral concern. The programmatic activities

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through which these programmes are carried out are mainly information collection, analysis and dissemination; networking, dialogues and partnerships with other agencies and sectors; and advocacy/lobbying with government, donors, etc. The information system is a two-way process with VANI's members and other organizations sending information to VANI about the voluntary activities in their region; VANI, after analysing the information, gives it wider coverage through its newsletter. A documentation centre is also maintained at the secretariat.

A process of establishing the credibility of the voluntary sector has been initiated by VANI, in which a set of guiding principles has evolved through intensive debate and discussion. VANI members have already adopted these principles, and a mechanism for monitoring is being developed. Through sustained lobbying VANI has been able to influence policies and law-making bodies. Efforts are being made to bring changes to the existing rules and regulations for the smooth functioning of voluntary organizations.

Being a broad-based national network, VANI believes in building the capacities of state and regional networks for influencing policies at the macro level, for which a capacity-building programme has been started. VANI also facilitates the formation of networks in states where they do not exist.

After the World Summit for Social Development, VANI undertook a programme on monitoring of social development in India, since it believes that to be an issue which the whole sector should be concerned about. The follow-up programme is carried out by wider information dissemination through the bimonthly newsletter Social Update. Also, state-level consultations have been organized to assess the developmental programmes. A national commission on social development has been proposed and approved by eminent personalities from all walks of life. VANI is lobbying with the Government for setting up the commission.

VANI, addressing major social issues, believes in influencing the policies and the structure of policy-making bodies, both at the national and international levels. VANI feels its aim can help it work with the programmes of the Economic and Social Council on the global level, with further influence at national levels. Having a broad base representing the voluntary sector in India and the broad objective of achieving social development, VANI can prove its effectiveness by participating in the programmes of the Council. Being associated with the Council, VANI would benefit from the experiences and ideas of others at the Council and also share its own experiences for their benefit.

15. ANNAI EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY

Address: Post Box No. 22
2, Shenbagamuthu Street, Usilai Road
Tirumangalam - 625 706 - Madurai District
Tamil Nadu
INDIA

Category requested: special

Date established: 8 January 1991

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 11 individual members and 150 organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (Indian rupees)

Income	
Membership dues	45 900
Contributions from Governments	1 903 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	583 000
Total	2 531 900

Expenditure	
Administration	43 000
Projects	2 548 000
Other activities	-
Total	2 591 000

It is well known that in India about 80 per cent of our total population live in villages and are mostly engaged in agriculture, with a fatalistic mentality, having no knowledge of modern techniques. To maximize agricultural production, Annai Educational Society has imparted training in sound modern techniques in careful and effective management of agricultural development to small and marginal farmers. In drought-prone areas, people - especially women - have been organized as self-help groups and given training on farm sector activities, such as poultry, raising goats, and fishery and milk production. To reduce the growth of unemployment, Annai Educational Society has trained and helped youth to start income-generating projects, such as small-scale and cottage industries, by establishing community polytechnics and tailoring units. Regarding social problems, the prevalence of inequality and ignorance among the people has been an eyesore to the fifty-year-old independent India. So Annai Educational Society has conducted leadership training, awareness camps, workshops, conferences etc. Moreover, Annai Educational Society has conducted

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formal and non-formal education centres in villages to reduce illiteracy. For prevention of ill health and the promotion of positive health, Annai Educational Society has imparted health and hygiene education, and has established health centres in many rural areas with curative and rehabilitative perspectives. Further, Annai Educational Society has made provision of housing and proper sanitation facilities to the deserving rural masses. Annai Educational Society has planted trees to create necessary conditions so that man and nature can coexist in productive harmony. Finally, Annai Educational Society has established counselling centres, a free legal aid centre and a drug deaddiction centre for the well-being of the people.

Our first-hand information and grass-roots-level experience in the last seven years has proved that we are one of the institutions with credibility to continuously promote social development initiatives in India. This expertise in the field would help us to participate in the work of the Council. Moreover, it will help us to get wide exposure of United nations objectives and activities on developmental issues.

16. GLOBAL ECO-VILLAGE NETWORK

Address: International secretariat
Skodsborgvej 189
Naerum 2850
Denmark

Category: special

Date established: June 1996

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 3,423 individual members and 162 organization members in 82 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997/98 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	10 602
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	544 278
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	-
Total	554 880
Expenditure	
Administration	446 467
Projects	108 413
Other activities	-
Total	554 880

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Global Eco-Village Network (GEN) headquarters in Denmark serves as a global administrator and catalyst and promotes the establishment and development of eco-villages worldwide.

Therefore, GEN:

(a) Gives recommendations and consults members of its network;

(b) Promotes and coordinates eco-village training centres, education and outreach programmes which offer the potential of further developing and informing on the shift from high consumption lifestyles to more satisfying, high quality but low environmental impact lifestyles and social and economical structures;

(c) Promotes and facilitates the development of sustainable technologies and businesses, which is a prerequisite for the economic sustainability of these projects;

(d) Creates an international information network enabling eco-villages to rapidly increase their knowledge through the sharing of information, work exchanges, training and outreach;

(e) Is active in fund-raising;

(f) Makes lobbying activities on a global scale and is the global institution for eco-village communities' concerns.

Eco-villages are an integrated solution to the global social, ecological and economical crisis, and are appropriate for the industrialized world, both urban and rural, and the remaining two thirds of the world. Eco-villages are in essence a modern attempt by humanity to live in harmony with nature and with each other. They represent a "leading edge" in the movement towards developing sustainable human settlements, and provide a testing ground for new ideas, techniques and technologies which can then be integrated into the mainstream.

The Global Eco-Village Network is willing to cooperate with the Council through its commissions, programmes and projects, bringing in its expertise in eco-village lifestyles and sharing therewith its experiences in finding sustainable ways to overcome the global crisis of our days. Therefore, GEN would organize symposia and conferences with Council bodies in order to present and discuss the eco-village concept and deliver position papers to the Council. The Global Eco-Village Network is also interested in working in an eco-island project. GEN has just started to get involved in a project with UNDP in Brazil.

Thus, in accordance with Agenda 21 and the major plans of actions of the United Nations conferences held during this last decade of the twentieth century, GEN is dedicated to contributing to a healthier, safer and more sustainable and peaceful world.

17. INSTITUTE FOR SECURITY STUDIES

Address: P.O. Box 4167
Halfway House 1685
South Africa

Category requested: general

Date established: 1991

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with approximately 200 individual members and 3,800 organization members in 70 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (South African rand)

Income	
Membership dues	58 763
Contributions from donors (includes Governments, intergovernmental organizations and foundations)	7 746 316
Revenue from contracts etc.	143 495
Other income	99 868
Total	8 048 442
Expenditure	
Administration	2 045 048
Projects	6 815 990
Other activities	111 503
Total	8 972 541

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The mission of the Institute for Security Studies is to enhance human security in Africa. This is achieved through applied research and the dissemination of information that can inform decisions on critical areas of individual, national, regional and international security. The Institute is committed to democracy, good governance and the promotion of common security.

We undertake research on issues which are of concern to South Africa and the continent as a whole. Our focus is on providing practical implementable policy that will assist decision makers in the region. Thus, our safety and governance programme has worked closely with the Secretariat of Safety and Security, the South African Police Service and the Department of Justice in South Africa on issues related to the transformation of the police in a new democracy. Regionally, we have assisted the Organization of African Unity in its work to develop the centre for conflict management and to develop its capacity for early warning. We have also worked closely with the Southern

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African Development Community, more specifically its subcommittees, to raise the issue of illicit arms trafficking and domestic firearms control. In all of our endeavours, our work is supplemented and enhanced by the information and assistance we receive from other non-governmental, governmental and intergovernmental organizations.

In our increasingly interconnected world, the distances separating Africa from Europe and North America have decreased dramatically. As a part of this, we have increasingly reached out to organizations undertaking similar work in other regions or through other forums. Through a natural progression of interactions, we have, over the years, worked increasingly with the United Nations and its bodies, especially those of the Economic and Social Council. These interactions have taken the form of direct funding (we receive funding from Habitat and the United Nations Development Programme), consultations (for example, with UNESCO in Paris and its regional office in Namibia), and our attendance and participation at conferences and meetings. To date, we have been lucky to have Council-accredited organizations sponsor our attendance at these meetings. In the light of our anticipated further interactions with these bodies, however, we have been prompted to apply for consultative status ourselves. As an African-based non-governmental organization, we believe that we can contribute to the work of the Council through approved channels but that we can also gain from a closer cooperation with it and the entire United Nations system.

18. AFRICA FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL

Address: P.O. Box 16099
Kampala
Uganda
Fax: 256-41-345580

Category requested: general

Date established: 1988

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 505 individual members and 23 organization members in five countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	35 000
Other income	13 110
Total	48 100

Expenditure

Administration	22 100
Projects	16 400
Other activities	818
Total	39 318

Aims and activities

The aims of AFCI are:

(a) To promote socio-economic-based development, agriculture, housing and functional literacy;

(b) To provide means for poverty alleviation by providing credit and supportive services to the poor to start income-generating activities;

(c) To promote gender balance;

(d) To train youth in income-generating activities such as trade;

(e) To provide volunteer work in the community;

(f) To network and collaborate with organizations which have similar goals and objectives;

(g) To train men/women for the promotion of the Christian faith under our school of Worle Mission.

Its activities are:

(a) Providing credit facilities to the poor;

(b) Preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ;

(c) Training the target group in functional literacy and adult education;

(d) Extending agricultural assistance in the form of seeds for food security;

(e) Conducting and organizing workshops/seminars concerning awareness of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

AFCI intends to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council in two ways: attendance at meetings, especially in areas where the organization has competence and authority, and by preparing papers in areas where the organization has competence - for instance, microfinance and credit administration.

19. AFRICAN COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER

Address: 532 South Vermont Avenue, Suite #104
Los Angeles, California 90020
United States of America

Category requested: general

Date established: 1984

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with approximately 50 individual members and eight organization members (branches) in 20 countries.

Summary of financial statement for year ended 30 June 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Other income	189 447
Total	189 447
Expenditure	
Administration and projects	172 083
Other activities	-
Total	172 083

Aims and activities

The African Community Resource Center (ACRC) is a non-governmental organization committed to the humanitarian vision of improving the quality of life in developing countries by providing equal access to resources, information and health interventions. ACRC takes responsibility for advocating on behalf of those whose human rights have been violated - i.e., women and children in refugee camps, those who have been abused by their own Governments, and those in need of hospitals, clinics and universities. Our goal is to offer help where there is none, to give hope when all is lost, provide food and medical care where they are not available to those who need it most and to offer a pathway through injustice wherever we find it. Our mission is to work towards peace and development with compassion and humanity.

We carry out our goals through a variety of programmes around the world, including clinic building, supplying and maintenance; building universities, medical schools and research facilities; shipping medical equipment, food and other vital supplies; sponsoring conferences and conducting research on conflict resolution, reproductive health, leadership training, human rights and other issues pertaining to peace and development; and recruiting and using volunteer professionals in the fields of medicine, science and technology, education,

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social work etc. to provide social services, research and advocacy of human rights issues around the world. ACRC has created, supplied and maintained free clinics for women and children in Africa, and has a history of providing medical care, medical equipment, food, prenatal care and nutritional training in Ethiopia, Zaire, Burundi, the United Republic of Tanzania, Chad, Eritrea and Sierra Leone. ACRC conducts conferences and forums with foreign dignitaries from developing countries on issues related to their respective populations. For example, ACRC sponsored the First African Women's Network Conference (Los Angeles, 1996) with African women participants from the Fourth World Conference on Women.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Granting of consultative status under the Economic and Social Council would allow us to vote and participate in all United Nations activities and to receive direct accreditation for conferences, summits and other events in which we want to be active participants. ACRC has participated in sessions of the Commission on the Status of Women and a workshop panel at the Fourth World Conference on Women. Consultative status would strengthen our ability to work even more closely with the United Nations and would, as a result, allow us to expedite the humanitarian aid we provide to developing countries. In addition, ACRC would have a stronger voice with which to advocate for refugee populations, women's issues and peace worldwide.

20. CENTRO DE DERECHOS HUMANOS MIGUEL AGUSTIN PRO JUAREZ

Address: Serapio Rendon 57-B
Col. San Rafael
CP 06470, Mexico DF
MEXICO

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 22 March 1988

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 97 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	283 722
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income (individual donations)	2 998
Total	286 720

Expenditure

Administration	6 980
Projects	213 279
Other activities	-
Total	220 259

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The general aims of Prodh are to encourage the promotion of a culture of human rights in Mexico and to defend individuals and groups who have had their human rights violated. Our strategy has several elements: education and training, systematic analysis and dissemination of information regarding human rights investigation and denouncement of violations nationally and internationally, legal representation of individuals whose human rights have been violated and the development of national and international networks to combat violations.

To this end, Prodh runs workshops throughout Mexico for human rights promoters, indigenous communities and groups with the aim of increasing the national human rights network's ability to respond to violations. We also produce daily and weekly bulletins to provide an analysis of human rights violations and special reports focusing on specific regions or issues of

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concern. These, as well as urgent actions, are disseminated nationally and internationally, which includes the holding of regular press conferences. We provide judicial defence for individual cases in national forums and at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. We also work closely with international NGOs, such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch, and are active in international forums, such as the United Nations and the European Union.

Prodh is also a member of the National Human Rights Network Todos los derechos para todos, which includes 48 human rights organizations throughout Mexico.

With regard to participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council, Prodh presents urgent actions on a very regular basis to the thematic mechanisms and regarding human rights violations in Mexico. Prodh also prepares reports for the treaty bodies when periodical reports regarding Mexico are to be reviewed. Prodh has been participating in a limited capacity in the Commission on Human Rights under the auspices of other NGOs that have consultative status.

Consultative status would enable Prodh to build on these activities. It would be able to fully participate and provide access to other Mexican NGOs in the Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. Activities would include the presentation of written and oral interventions before these commissions and the provision of expertise and information, regarding the human rights situation in Mexico, to delegation members and committee experts, with the aim of encouraging improvement of the human rights situation in Mexico.

21. KOREA INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION

Address: 446, Taewha-dong
Jung-ku, Ulsan
Republic of Korea

Category requested: general

Date established: 10 March 1988

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 9,115 individual members and 172 organization members in 10 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Retained earnings	860
Membership dues	141 154
Contributions from Governments	127 133
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	0
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	3 125
Revenue from contracts etc.	33 635
Other sources	122 495
Total	428 402

Expenditure

Administration	69 741
Projects	349 091
Other activities	7 610
Total	426 442

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Republic of Korea was helped greatly by the United Nations and many foreign countries during the Korean War, so it is considered that now it should repay that assistance to the international society again. Therefore, this organization was founded by the President himself in 1988 and it is now a corporate juridical person with 9,115 members and organization members 10 years after its foundation, and now all of our members are cooperating, transcending nation, religion, race, sex and age, we are participating in activities of helping unfortunate neighbours, supporting welfare facilities, environmental observing education and volunteers education in Korea, and we have become an international civil service organization serving third world countries by protecting their natives, medical support for their health and humane support.

The reason why we are wishing to acquire the consultative status in the United Nations is:

(1) Secure personal protection and public trust for visiting the third world countries and the hinterlands and activities of our organization under the close cooperative system with the United Nations.

(2) That this organization can present our opinion through letters or oral reports to the United Nations concerning the inhabitants of the third world hinterlands where this organization participates in activities and the matters of concern and interest to the United Nations and also international problems.

(3) That we will report to the United Nations about the international problems which non-governmental organizations cannot solve and difficulties faced by the international non-governmental organizations to ask for cooperation, and we wish to consult with the international non-governmental organizations that have joined the United Nations.

22. KAZEM RAJAVI INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEFENCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Address: 27 - Chemin du Halage
95540 - Mery-sur-Oise
FRANCE

Category requested: Roster

Date established: 3 March 1992

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 443 individual members and member organizations in 12 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1 May 1997-30 April 1998 (French francs)

Income

Membership dues	177 200
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	103 880
Total	281 080

Expenditure

Administration	261 915
Projects	16 690
Other activities	1 600
Total	280 205

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

The Kazem Rajavi International Association for Defence of Human Rights (KRIA) was formed in tribute to the memory and the life's work of Professor Kazem Rajavi, to continue his efforts to promote the human rights values embodied in the United Nations Charter, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Conventions on Civil, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. KRIA opposes by all appropriate means the violation, restriction or diminishment of the rights and freedoms specified therein.

To achieve the full potential of every human being and society, the threat of summary executions, arbitrary captivity and torture must be removed, all forms of discrimination on the basis of sex, race and religion abolished, and every individual's inherent right to freely hold and express his or her views recognized as defined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. In fulfilling this goal, the Kazem Rajavi Association works towards the release of

persons imprisoned for their beliefs and views, and opposes imprisonment of any individual without trial proceedings that do not conform to internationally recognized norms. KRIA also works to eliminate all practices of torture during arrest, imprisonment and judicial proceedings, and strives to expose the imposition of torture or any other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment.

KRIA will strive particularly to expose all forms of gender-based discrimination, and will concentrate on the full equality of the rights of men and women in all fields.

To achieve these objectives, this association takes all necessary steps to inform the public of issues relevant to human rights, and engages in activities and seminars intended to raise public awareness of violations, participating in international human rights events, research and investigation into the human rights situation in various countries, and publishing materials and newsletters advocating respect for human rights.

To widen the scope of its activities in support of humanitarian principles, KRIA will also work in close cooperation with other human rights organizations, the United Nations and its affiliate bodies and international assemblies.

When appropriate, KRIA also supports and publicizes the activities of groups or individuals who help promote the principles of human rights.

23. RELIEF INTERNATIONAL

Address: 2288 Westwood Boulevard
Suite 216
Los Angeles, CA 90064
United States of America
Tel: (310) 572-7770
Fax: (310) 572-7790

Category requested: general

Date established: 1990

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with no individual or organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	3 900 003
Total	3 900 003
Expenditure	
Administration	35 065
Projects	3 709 239
Other activities	
Total	3 744 304

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Relief International (RI) is a humanitarian non-profit agency that provides emergency relief, rehabilitation and development assistance to vulnerable communities worldwide. RI's mission is to:

(a) Serve the needs of the most vulnerable, particularly women and children, victims of natural disasters, civil conflicts, and the poor worldwide, with a specific focus on neglected groups and cases;

(b) Promote self-reliance, coexistence and reintegration of vulnerable groups;

(c) Provide holistic, multisectoral, sustainable, and pro-poor programmes that bridge emergency relief and long-term development at the grass-roots level;

(d) Empower communities through capacity-building and by maximizing local resources in programme design and implementation;

(e) Protect lives from physical injury or death and/or psychological trauma, where present;

(f) Uphold the highest professional norms in programme delivery, including accountability to donors and beneficiaries alike.

Founded in 1990, RI's energies initially focused on providing relief materials in such areas as the Islamic Republic of Iran, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Azerbaijan. Since 1993, RI has directly provided emergency, rehabilitation and development project services targeting affected populations in Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Chechnya, Tajikistan and Viet Nam. In 1998, RI is expanding its services to Burundi and Rwanda. Activities have assisted vulnerable communities in the health, shelter, reconstruction, relief, education, community development, agriculture and income-generation sectors.

RI is registered as a tax-deductible charity with the United States Government. RI serves as an implementing partner of the United Nations, is registered as a private voluntary organization with the United States Agency for International Development, and is a member of the American Council for Voluntary International Action. To date, RI maintains field offices in Azerbaijan, Burundi, Tajikistan, and Viet Nam.

In the light of the above, RI would offer a valuable community-based perspective to the Economic and Social Council through attendance at meetings, as well as potential written and oral statements, where appropriate. RI carries out its programmes in concert with beneficiaries and local counterparts alike, and has established partnerships with a number of national-based non-governmental organizations in Azerbaijan, Tajikistan and Viet Nam. As a provider of direct services, RI holds expertise in a variety of sectors in both the relief and development fields, as noted above. As an implementing partner with various United Nations agencies, such as UNHCR, UNICEF, UNDP and FAO, RI is sensitive to the mission of the United Nations and its programmes.

24. VISHVA HINDU PARISHAD

Address: Sankat Mochan Ashram
Rama Krishna Puram - VI
New Delhi - 110 022
Bharat
India

Category requested: general

Date established: 13 October 1966

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 1.19 million individual members, and 48 organizational members in 19 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	357 806
Total	357 806

Expenditure

Administration	50 394
Projects	97 479
Other activities	42 278
Total	190 151

Aims and activities and intended participation in the work of the Council

Vishva Hindu Parishad is represented universally by its 1.19 million members, who are guided in these service programmes by the four well-known concepts that reflect the realization of the ancient Hindu seers of India:

(a) "Truth is one. The wise pursue it variously". This understanding is the greatest contributing factor which has guided Hindus for thousands of years in tolerating and even respecting others' points of view. Emphasis is on the term "also" and not on "the only way". This emphasizes freedom of following a chosen religion and pursuing individual approach to life and having freedom of speech;

(b) "The whole of humanity is just one family of God". This concept emphasizes the acceptance of every human being as a member of an extended family under universal fraternity. This results in accepting members of all faiths;

(c) "Let all be happy, healthy and blessed". The term "all" includes all humanity, animal and plant kingdoms, and emphasizes the reconciliation of development with environmental/ecological balance;

(d) "Service to others is virtue and exploiting others is a sin". This has helped in developing a view of compassion towards the needy.

Vishva Hindu Parishad is engaged in work for the total welfare of humanity. While it has taken on its shoulders the responsibility of representing and promoting the welfare-related activities of Hindus, which form one fifth of the world's population, it promotes without discrimination the activities of moral and ethical education, medical aid for needy masses, relief to the very poor, advancement of general public utility, and the pursuit of socio-religious, scientific and general research. These noble aims are given shape through the untiring efforts and dedication of highly motivated social workers that operate from the central unit located at New Delhi, its 30 affiliated units spread all over India and 18 affiliated units registered in other countries.

Apart from organizing seminars and conferences at the national and international levels, Vishva Hindu Parishad runs various centres throughout India and abroad involving formal education, non-formal education, establishing single teacher schools, adult education in remote areas, publications for general literacy and awareness, library and reading room services for the very poor, hostels for the needy, and classes in ancient Hindu heritage, language and teachings.

In the field of medical and health services, Vishva Hindu Parishad runs many health centres, hospitals, yoga centres, leprosy treatment centres and research projects in the application of the ancient Indian medical system.

Because the aims and activities of service programmes are aligned with the work the Council is doing, it will be easy for VHP project people to provide extensive data and input on similar projects supported by the United Nations system organizations at other places in the world.

The participation in the work of the Council would be focused on the following areas:

(a) Child care: children who are destitute, orphans, abandoned or abused;

(b) Health and hygiene in remote locations: for people who are located in tribal belts and remote villages;

(c) Community development: for those who feel isolated, to make them feel a part of the community/family;

(d) Economic self-reliance (particularly women): for those who need to learn new skills for self-reliance;

(e) Environmental concern: for all, in particular tribal people who live near the jungle;

(f) Literacy programme: for villages and remote areas, where no schools exist.

25. JAMMU AND KASHMIR COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Address: 167, Sanderstead Road, Sanderstead
CR2 OPH Surrey
United Kingdom

P.O. Box 241
London SW17 9LJ
United Kingdom

Category requested: special

Date established: 1985, entered in Charities Register in England and Wales in 1992 (Charity No. 1007297)

Membership: international organization, with 4,300 individual members and 74 organization members in nine countries

Summary of financial statement for year 1996/97 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	22 134
Governments	-
Intergovernmental organizations	-
Other non-governmental organizations	41 087
Contracts	-
Other sources	194 866
Total income	258 087

Expenditure

Administration	36 720
Projects	164 063
Other activities	53 695
Total expenditure	254 478

Aims

Aims are:

(a) To provide relief, rehabilitation and development, aid and assistance to the victims of famine and armed conflict;

(b) To monitor the violations of human rights in South Asia or as required and to liaise with the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities and other non-governmental organizations;

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(c) To seek to promote respect for fundamental human rights in the region and to promote a general benefit in accordance with article 26 (2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

(d) To promote, for the public benefit, the treatment and relief for those who have undergone physical or psychological torture and/or ill treatment;

(e) To advance the education and training of refugees and their dependants in need thereof so as to foster their advancement in life and assist in their rehabilitation within a new community;

(f) To provide humanitarian help and assistance to those who are victims of the abuse of human rights, with the possibility for this purpose of setting up a charitable trust;

(g) To work in furtherance of article 26 (2) of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in promoting understanding and friendship among all nations and racial groups and furthering the maintenance of peace;

(h) To sensitize in respect of the furtherance of the cause of human rights and fundamental freedoms under Articles 55 and 56 of the Charter of the United Nations, cooperate in United Nations programmes/projects and disseminate information on the area of benefit;

(i) To cooperate with other non-governmental organizations in the effective functioning of bodies established pursuant to United Nations human rights instruments and in the implementation of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action.

Participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Jammu and Kashmir Council for Human Rights (JKCHR) attended the Open-Ended Working Group on the Review of Arrangements for Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations at the inter-sessional meeting of the Economic and Social Council on 7 and 8 November 1994 at United Nations Headquarters in New York and submitted a paper to the Working Group on the "Contract of Understanding between the United Nations and NGOs".

JKCHR would continue its efforts, in collaboration with other non-governmental organizations, to make the interaction more productive and valuable in changing periods in regard to the dissemination of information on United Nations mechanisms and non-governmental organization efforts for the benefit of humankind.

JKCHR, in furtherance of General Assembly resolution 51/104 of 12 December 1996, entitled "United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education and public information activities in the field of human rights", would cooperate with international, regional and national non-governmental organizations and intergovernmental organizations on issues of women, labour, development, food, housing, education, health care and the environment, as well as with all other social justice groups in implementing the action plan.

JKCHR would bring General Assembly resolution 51/104 to the attention of the community and non-governmental organizations concerned with human rights education in the region.

26. LE FOYER MUSULMAN, ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONALE POUR LES DROITS DE L'HOMME

Address: 150, Route de Ferney
CH-1218 Grand-Saconnex
C.P. 2100 1211 GENEVA 2

Category requested: special

Date established: 5 August 1997

Membership: the association is an international organization, with 42 individual members from 23 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	10 500
Contributions of members	35 000
Total	45 500
Expenditure	
Administration	43 292
Projects	2 208
Total	45 500

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

- To show and convince Muslim and non-Muslim peoples how Islam not only does not order or recommend violence but can be a very good basis for understanding and applying human rights principles all over the world, provided that people understand its philosophy. In this context, it invites and recommends respect for humankind, without discrimination of race, faith, culture, sex or political convictions.

- To educate populations on the importance of human rights, the principles of the Charter of the United Nations, peace and democracy, and to explain, by speeches, meetings, conferences, bulletins and publications, articles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights so that these would become sacred matters. For this purpose, branches will be inaugurated in many countries, mainly in the Middle East, Africa and the former USSR. The main aim is to eliminate violence, change the deformed face of religions, mainly Islam (which ethnic and political interpretation has deformed for generations), and to recommend and teach tolerance.

- To actively participate in international conferences on human rights.

- To minutely study questions and problems pertaining to trouble spots which may threaten peace in the world, and when necessary, to travel to such countries and areas and prepare reports and surveys accompanied with recommendations. Furthermore, to respond to all requests made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or any other body related to the Council concerning any question, research, study or meeting, and to collaborate and make suitable statements, if necessary. Also, our organization will endeavour to mobilize public opinion for the necessity of neutral courts, which are dedicated only to the examination and judgement of the violation of human rights, and to ensure that these courts shall be empowered with authority to execute their decisions, as far as possible respecting the country's sovereignty. It appears that many judicial organs are not really independent of political leadership and are sometimes prevented from making neutral, independent evaluation and judgement. As part of our activities, we intend to collaborate with United Nations special rapporteurs on minorities and religious intolerance and other relevant committees or rapporteurs that deal with human rights questions.

27. MANAGEMENT SCIENCES FOR HEALTH

Address: 165 Allandale Road
Boston, MA 02130
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 1971

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with no individual or organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Governments	-
Intergovernmental organizations	1 649 147
Other non-governmental organizations	-
Contracts	50 018 884
Total	51 668 031
Expenditure	
Administration	11 632 224
Projects	39 690 408
Total	51 322 632

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Management Sciences for Health (MSH) works collaboratively with health-care policy makers, managers, providers, and consumers to help close the gap between knowledge and action in the field of public health. MSH seeks to increase the effectiveness, efficiency and sustainability of health and family planning services by improving their management; to promote access to these services; and to influence public policy.

MSH activities focus on:

(a) Educating health-care managers, providers, and consumers through training, publications, electronic media, and conferences;

(b) Applying practical management skills to public health problems in both the public and private sectors;

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(c) Strengthening the technical and management capabilities of individuals and institutions through collaborative work and training programmes;

(d) Discovering, applying, and replicating innovations in health management.

MSH has assisted public and private-sector health and population programmes in over 100 countries by providing technical assistance, conducting training, carrying out applied research, and developing systems for use in health programme management. MSH's areas of expertise include population and family planning, drug management, maternal and child health, health financing, primary health care, management information systems, and management training.

MSH is currently implementing long-term technical assistance projects in maternal and child health, family planning, and health-care financing, in Guinea, Haiti, Kenya, Madagascar, Nicaragua, the Philippines, Senegal and South Africa. In addition, MSH manages two large projects in family planning and drug management that work with organizations around the world. MSH is a partner in the Partnership for Child Survival, which manages the five-year basic support for institutionalizing child survival project, funded by the United States Agency for International Development; the project works with Governments and non-governmental organizations throughout the developing world.

28. PEACEWAYS

Address: 151 N. Ellsworth Avenue, Suite 6
San Mateo, California 94401
United States of America
Tel/Fax: (650) 340-8940

Category requested: special

Date established: 13 April 1990

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 127 partner organizations in 67 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	18 480
Total	18 480
Expenditure	
Administration	12 547
Projects	5 680
Other activities	-
Total	18 227

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

PEACEWAYS aims to help bring about a peaceful world by strengthening the United Nations through the active and responsible participation of children (people under 18).

PEACEWAYS activities center around coordinating a global grass-roots movement, which has involved well over 100,000 children worldwide between 1995 and July 1999. It has presented 47 international and national conferences since 1990, and helped to coordinate another 72 conferences given by partner organizations in 68 countries, educating children about the United Nations and having children create projects to do in their home areas to promote United Nations goals at the local level. A unique feature of this movement is that it has been designed by children for children. It is aimed at developing a partnership with the United Nations by establishing a Young General Assembly, a

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democratic international organization run mainly be children (people under 18) to serve as a voice for the world's children in international affairs and implement the principles of the United Nations Charter. The Charter for the Young General Assembly was written recently between 18 and 25 July 1999 at the international San Francisco Conference. The first session of the Young General Assembly will be held from 12 to 21 July 2000 at Adelaide, Australia.

PEACEWAYS will continue to educate children about the United Nations and assist them in furthering Council and United Nations goals, such as bringing the human right to peace into daily life and making the International Year of the Culture of Peace and the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World a reality well into the next millennium.

It is believed that PEACEWAYS experience with children can be valuable to the Council in designing and implementing future programmes in education, social development, environment and human/child rights. It is hoped that the Council will welcome the written statements of children and, perhaps when it is appropriate, allow children themselves to address Council meetings. PEACEWAYS also hopes that the Council will initiate consultation with the Young General Assembly now that it is established. The Council and the whole United Nations system can greatly benefit by involving people at an early age, so that as adults they will be better informed and responsibly supportive of the task of bringing about world peace.

29. UNION OF KUWAITI WOMEN ASSOCIATIONS

Address: P.O. Box 64437
Shuwaikh 70455
Kuwait

Category requested: general

Date established: 25 June 1994

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 334 individual members and no organization members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (Kuwaiti dinars)

Income

Ministry subsidization	12 000
Travel allocations	8 160
Subscriptions	750
Miscellaneous revenues	8 260
Total	29 170

Expenditure

General and administration	9 338
External expenses	11 897
Internal expenses	14 962
Depreciation of fixed assets	1 356
Provision for end of services	500
Other activities	
Total	38 053

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Council

Our main goal and aim is to increase the efforts to achieve better quality of services and benefits received from the Government. We are continuously trying to receive new benefits as well. We can summarize our aims as follows:

(a) Finding new ways to increase our national income and hence increase the per capita income;

(b) Provide job opportunities for all capable individuals according to their qualifications;

(c) Provide the minimum wage for all the working force to meet the bare necessities of life;

(d) Provide free education for all the citizens;

(e) Provide free medical care;

(f) Protection of women's human rights since they are the primary caregivers for their children and hence the nucleus of the society;

(g) Assist handicapped individuals through training and teaching them skills, languages and music;

(h) Teaching individuals how to use their leisure time effectively;

(i) Using all the social means for fighting delinquency and drug addiction;

(j) Providing social welfare for all citizens;

(k) We promote non-violent conflict resolutions, culture of peace and peace education training against all forms of violence.

Many seminars were offered, during and after the Iraqi invasion, to the Kuwaiti female population, teaching them how to face and handle aggression with all its consequences, including first aid and self-defence. After the liberation, many training sessions and workshops were offered periodically, with emphasis on training women how to improve their abilities and teaching them new skills that will enable them to help in increasing the family income. Seminars were offered by the Union on, for example:

(a) Learning more about breast cancer and early detection by self-examination;

(b) Facing drug addiction which is a problem that is new to the Kuwaiti society;

(c) Importance of breastfeeding;

(d) Administration and institutional development;

(e) Importance of physical fitness as a prevention of heart diseases and hypertension;

(h) Memorizing and reciting Qura'an through a school designed for this purpose;

(g) Cooking and sewing;

(h) Important facts about AIDS as a fatal disease.

We have established a bilingual day care nursery and primary school for taking care of infants for working mothers.

Our organization, if allowed to participate in the work of the Economic and Social Council, will promote non-violent conflict resolution, culture of peace and peace education training against all forms of armed conflicts, foreign

military interference, aggression, imprisonment, political and economic domination in education institutions, communities and families for all members of the society.

We will work hard to support any actions taken to ensure women's economic and social rights. This in our opinion can be achieved through human rights education and by increasing the awareness by all individuals of the human rights of women.

We will strengthen efforts, with United Nations assistance, to improve the education level for older women and to promote women's self-esteem at all stages of life.

30. ENCHANTÉ REPERTOIRE DE LA TRANQUILITÉ

Address: 997 Canada Street, N.E.
Palm Bay, Florida 32905
United States of America

Category requested: general

Date established: 7 October 1996

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 83 individual members in six countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	86
Other	2 439
Total	2 525
Expenditure	
Administration	720
Projects	1 233
Other activities	485
Total	2 438

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Council

The European region is a primary concern - specifically, Ireland, Great Britain, Germany and Spain. Sweden and Norway are being considered in northern Europe, with donations from a Norwegian video supporter or contacts in those countries. Central America and the Caribbean will be visited by members of the Board of Directors. South America might include Chile, Colombia and Venezuela, from missionary and church support.

The books and production preparation includes brainstorming, person-to-person discussion, lessons and written instruction. The productions and conferences have lectures, monologues and speeches to encourage thought. These are followed by open discussion to enable everyone to participate. Role-playing is offered to communicate and inform impromptu speaking and/or acting out. The people or audience can participate. Videos are used as background, exhibition and for instructional purposes. Sales of videos include a programme booklet for an explanation of the video content.

The conferences and productions, with lectures and exhibitions, include different languages (English/Spanish/French/Italian/Hebrew) and cultures to

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attempt to communicate respectfully with the people. The attention of people is realized by using their language.

The reality of the people by region of the world is essential for any communication and cooperation. Enchanté repertoire de la tranquilité goes to the people. Non-governmental organizations can facilitate their involvement with the United Nations by coordinating efforts in practice to exercise unity.

31. GRAMEENA VIKAS SAMITHI

Address: 6-8-947, NGOS' Colony
Tirupati - 517 507
Andhra Pradesh State
India
Phone/Fax: 91-08574-26594

Category requested: general

Date established: 12 February 1990

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 287 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1996/97 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	25
Other income	4 932
	961
	34
Total	5 952
Expenditure	
Administration	1 913
Projects	3 018
Other activities	34
Total	4 965

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Council

The aim of the organization is to bring about a desirable change in the lives of rural poor and to strengthen and promote voluntary efforts in rural development by building up local leadership. It also aims to educate people on environmental aspects of agriculture and allied activities and to improve the condition of women. All the activities of our organization are directed towards realizing these aims - namely, social awareness campaigns, disaster preparedness, reproductive health, organizing self-help groups, environmental awareness campaigns, family planning awakening, AIDS awareness and habitat development.

Most of our organization's activities are in line with those of United Nations bodies such as WHO, UNEP, UNESCO, UNICEF and UNDP. We thus feel that our work with the Council will be very effective. We wish to participate in the meetings and to discuss the various socio-economic problems or issues on which

we are working and on which we can exchange information for better learning and action.

Since we work closely with people at the grass-roots level, we can make them aware of the United Nations objectives and functions and can work towards realizing them, with the coordination of the Council. We wish to improve the health status of women in the areas, mainly through safe motherhood and reproductive health.

32. ZIMBABWE ASSOCIATION FOR CRIME PREVENTION AND REHABILITATON OF THE OFFENDER

Address: P.O. Box 217
Harare
Zimbabwe

Category requested: special

Date established: 1968

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 1,000 individual members.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	9 500
Contributions from Governments	1 140 000
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	46 000
Revenue from contracts etc.	140 000
Other income	127 335
Total	1 462 835

Expenditure

Administration	375 000
Projects	393 648
Other activities	632 652
Total	1 401 300

Aims and activities, and participation in the work of the Council

The aims of the Zimbabwe Association for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of the Offender (ZACRO) are: to mobilize communities against crime, to visit and encourage prisoners in self-reform, to give constructive help to prisoners released on probation or parole, to befriend and assist needy families of offenders, to study and search for penal reform, and to recruit and train members.

In pursuance of the above aims, ZACRO engages in several activities - namely: civic education on crime/public awareness; literacy education, and training of offenders; individual and group counselling of offenders/families of offenders; penal reform research; supervision and monitoring of offenders on community service programmes.

If granted consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, ZACRO wishes to be of use to the Council by providing relevant information about the

prison conditions in Zimbabwe and how they affect the social and economic development of the country, with particular emphasis on the impact of the situation on the inmates. In fulfilling this objective the organization will, further, play a very active role in monitoring Zimbabwe's compliance with the United Nations minimum standards on the treatment of offenders and the general human rights situation in the country as it applies to the prison population.

In particular, the organization's thrust insofar as human rights are concerned, will be focused on lobbying for the removal of the death penalty from Zimbabwe's criminal justice system. In ZACRO's view, the punishment of offenders by death is a fundamental human rights violation and should not be allowed to continue. Besides, since the death penalty has been in use in Zimbabwe and elsewhere, there is no evidence that it is a deterrent to crime, as most of the proponents of capital punishment would want everyone to believe.

33. HADASSAH

Address: 50 West 58 Street
New York, New York 10019
United States of America
Tel: (212) 355-7900
Fax: (212) 303-8282

Category requested: special

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 311,000 individual members (plus an associated men's organization with 25,000 members) and an international affiliated organization with 30,000 associates in 32 countries (and one territory).

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	1 351 029
Contributions from Governments	859 940
Other income	122 105 328
Total	124 316 297

Expenditure

Administration	7 334 016
Projects	53 257 394
Other activities	21 276 783
Total	18 868 193

Aims and activities and anticipated participation in the work of the Council

Hadassah, the Women's Zionist Organization of America, Inc., is a volunteer, membership organization with 300,000 members in the United States alone. Founded in 1912 to pursue the ideals of democracy, health, medical research, education, women's rights and human rights, Hadassah supports and administers a vast network of worldwide programmes and institutions which serve people, regardless of race, religion or nationality. Hadassah has been involved in Africa, South America, Europe, Asia and the Middle East, providing medical assistance and relief, public health training, youth programmes, and vocational education as part of its ongoing commitment to social justice, mutual understanding and peace among nations.

Our international units operate in 34 countries and our medical organization and programmes - including hospitals, nursing and medical schools, child-care centres and community health services - have been recognized worldwide for providing outstanding health care. From Liberia to Nigeria to

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Zambia. Hadassah has provided medical assistance and training to developing countries and has played a critical role in development-aid projects focused on medicine, public health, agricultural assistance and education. Many of Hadassah's international programmes train teachers, students and community-health professionals throughout the world in areas such as AIDS education, nursing, and general medicine.

Hadassah has also been active in providing emergency assistance and trauma care in countries around the world. Examples include: the establishment of field hospitals in Somalia and Rwanda; provision of medical evaluation, treatment and follow-up care for hundreds of children exposed to radiation following the nuclear reactor explosions in Chernobyl; creation of an emergency hospital with a field hospital staff of 70 doctors, nurses and medics to treat refugees in Serbia; and provision of rescue and medical teams to aid earthquake victims in Turkey.

United Nations

Hadassah strongly supports the work conducted by the United Nations and has held non-governmental organization status since 1951. Hadassah representatives were actively involved in the United Nations Decade for Women, attending conferences in Mexico City, Copenhagen, Nairobi and Beijing. They also attended the Hague Appeal for Peace in 1999. Hadassah provides regularly scheduled tours, briefings and seminars at United Nations headquarters in New York. Hadassah's contribution to the Council would be based on its knowledge and expertise in the field of health care delivery, education and humanitarian assistance. By educating and training health-care personnel from around the world to provide better care for their countrymen, Hadassah would improve life for people throughout the world.

34. INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENT AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

Address: 5/12-15 Eastern View
50, D.I.T. Extension Road
GPO Box 3691
Dhaka 1000
Bangladesh

Tel.: 880-2-835394
Fax: 880-2-835394, 880-2-9565506, 880-2-9565483
E-mail: gbs@dhaka.agni.com or gbs@bangla.net or riana@fsbd.net

Category requested: special

Date established: 21 August 1986

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with 264 individual members and 76 organizational members.

Summary of financial statement for 1997-1998 (Bangladesh taka)

Income

Membership dues	228 000
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	350 000
Other	930 216
Total income	1 508 216

Expenditure

Administration	446 216
Projects	660 000
Other activities	401 200
Total expenditure	1 507 416

Aims and activities

The Institute for Environment and Development Studies (IEDS) is an organization and a federation of organizations/associations that deals with various environmental issues of land, water and air. It is committed to the preservation, restoration and national use of the environment. IEDS mostly carries out its functions by launching campaigns, writing articles in newspapers and magazines, and issuing press statements, holding press conferences, printing posters, leaflets and stickers. From time to time IEDS organizes projects related to the environment and organizes action programmes, staging rallies, demonstrations, sit-ins, strikes, mass resistance, mass gathering etc., whenever necessary.

IEDS achieved a big success by compelling the Bangladesh Government to impose a ban on the export of frog legs as a part of its organic farming campaign in 1989.

At present, IEDS has 223 individual members (mostly academicians, journalists, lawyers, environmental activists), 76 group members (mostly represent local communities in different parts of the country) and 38 associate members (working abroad).

The ongoing campaigns are in trade, environment and sustainability, energy, forestry, climate change, urban pollution, women and gender, organic farming, wetlands, river and dams, synthetic pollution, flood action and air pollution.

The ongoing projects are Organic Farming, Social Forestry and Environment Awareness.

The Special issues presently dealing are Human Rights, Freedom of Press and Indigenous issues. The publications are Bio-monthly Newsletter, Environment News, Books and Periodicals.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Economic and Social Council

Active in national and international environmental movements IEDS would have wide involvement in the work of the Council. IEDS would like the Council to have a very positive and substantial role in crystallizing the non-governmental organization efforts in streamlining the United Nations position towards the betterment of world environment and ensuring overall social development. IEDS is keen to help sustain all the efforts of the Council by actively participating in information exchange, information-gathering, evaluation, surveys, opinion polls, discussion and deliberation, and by responding to all Council activities and international events. IEDS would also keep the Council informed on all the issues and situations related to the terms of reference of the Council. IEDS would seek and give possible advice in respect of the environmental and social development issues.

35. NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING AND EXPLOITED CHILDREN

Address: 2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 550
Arlington, VA 22201
United States of America

Category requested: special

Date established: 23 January 1984

Membership: the organization is not a membership organization.

Summary of financial statement for 1997 (United States dollars)

Income	
Contributions from Governments	5 246 477
Other income	5 519 857
Total income	10 766 334
Expenditure	
Administration	684 856
Projects	9 155 204
Other activities	
Total expenditure	9 840 060

Aims and activities

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) has spent the first 14 years of its existence coordinating and mobilizing the private and public sectors of the United States to create a training centre and information clearinghouse for thousands of organizations and agencies, in order to tackle one of the world's most complex and difficult social problems. NCMEC leads the country in its efforts to resolve and prevent the needless crimes against children that occur every day.

NCMEC has several different divisions that work together towards the common goal of protecting our children. Some of NCMEC's main divisions and projects are:

(a) Twenty-four-hour toll-free hotline (800-THE-LOST), which covers the United States, Mexico, United Kingdom, Belgium and France. It receives almost 1,000 calls per day from the public and law enforcement regarding stranger abductions, family abductions, runaways/thrown-aways, and lost or otherwise missing children.

(b) Missing Children Division, which coordinates with law enforcement and other agencies regarding missing children. It has assisted in the recovery of over 40,000 children.

(c) International Division, which manages all incoming cases under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction and provides legal and technical assistance to victim parents, law enforcement, and other agencies regarding international child abduction.

(d) Media and poster distribution, utilizing technology in order to create and disseminate posters of missing children to all areas of the country and coordinating with media and the press in order to gain coverage of specific cases and general issues.

(e) Age progression, a method of computer graphics that shows the "age progress" of children who have been missing for over two years.

(f) Web site, with current pictures of missing children and the latest information on child protection issues.

(g) Exploited Child Unit, which offers technical assistance to law enforcement officials who are contacted on a case referral and is developing a database of child exploitation experts and international press releases regarding this issue.

(h) Publications, disseminated free to the public.

(i) Training and Project ALERT, which trains law enforcement from around the country and the world in the latest techniques and developments in areas of child protection and recruits volunteer retired law enforcement to aid in current projects and current investigations.

NCMEC has an established relationship with law enforcement and other official agencies throughout the world. Increasingly, as technology and travel make international communication easier, NCMEC is addressing the issue of missing and exploited children in the international arena. In addition to hundreds of domestic visitors and trainees each year, NCMEC hosts numerous international visitors and trainees every year who are interested in learning about our resources and programmes. These have included the Prime Minister of Belgium, the Attorney General of the Netherlands, various Interpol agencies from around the world, and embassy officials serving in and outside the United States.

Anticipated participation in the work of the Council

The United Nations has a long history of being a leader in campaigns to guarantee human rights and to try to end human suffering on a global scale. NCMEC is a model for how to use technology, private business, and government to help children. If granted consultative status with the Council, NCMEC would like to add to the foundation that the United Nations has established by assisting in pulling the world's resources together to help children maintain their fundamental rights as human beings. Through participation in conferences,

dissemination of our vast resources, and contribution to the Council's studies and reports on social issues, NCMEC would be a unique, active non-governmental organization in helping to promote the cooperation of countries in trying to attain a crime-free world for children.

36. NATIONAL OPINION RESEARCH CENTER

Address: 1155 E. 60 Street
Chicago, IL 60637
Fax: (773) 753-7886
Tel: (773) 753-7500

Category requested: special

Date established: 11 February 1943

Membership: the organization is a national organization (as a not-for-profit corporation, NORC is an employee-based and not a membership organization).

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (millions of United States dollars)

Income

Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	53.82
Other income	-
Total	53.82

Expenditure

Administration	15.59
Projects	37.64
Other activities	-
Total	53.23

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

NORC can make a contribution to the work programme and goals of the United Nations in general and in particular programmes relating to poverty studies, human development indicators, gender statistics, statistics on the informal sector, environment statistics and the evaluation of economic and social progress, by providing the services of some of their outstanding staff as technical experts, advisers and consultants to Governments and the United Nations Secretariat.

NORC can help in developing cogent measures on estimation of poverty on a uniform basis, and in the development of indicators for assessing and monitoring the poverty situation. Such a step will help countries in the formulation of appropriate poverty alleviation programmes. NORC recognizes that in planning and implementing policies and programmes aimed at attaining sustainable economic

growth, countries need timely, relevant, high-quality statistical information at a fairly disaggregated level, such as an administrative district. NORC can also help in devising statistical tools and procedures for small area estimation and sample surveys of the informal segments of different sectors - manufacturing, trading, transport, hotels and restaurants, and services - to meet the emerging needs of developing countries in the formulation of their development programmes. NORC can also contribute by devising statistical tools and techniques for improving the reliability of surveys in the fields of health and education in developing countries.

37. ISLAMIC CENTER (ENGLAND)

Address: 140 Maida Vale
London W9 1QB
United Kingdom

Category requested: special

Date established: 1996

Membership: the organization is an international organization with 2,840 individual members in 20 countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1998 (pounds sterling)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	1 055 757
Total	1 055 757
Expenditure	
Administration	142 770
Projects	7 009
Other activities	397 883
Total	547 662

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Islamic Center endeavours to provide tailor-made service for the Muslim community. These services can be divided broadly into the following categories: academic, entertainment, social welfare, cultural, education, women, youth and family, and minority groups.

By organizing a number of multidisciplinary programmes, seminars and conferences in collaboration with well-known NGO, cultural and social services, research centres and universities in England and abroad, we have been able to advance a better understanding of Islam as well as more multi-faith communication.

The Center has coordinated many entertainment programmes (trips, sports, films etc.) for different members of the community, especially women and youth.

One of the most important aims of the Islamic Center is to provide the necessary facilities in the interests of social welfare and to eliminate social inequities and poverty. Interest-free loans and financial support to the needy and indisposed families within our community achieve this. The department of education and cultural activities of the Islamic Center have been the most successful. It has organized classes for children and youth and meetings with different schools, has published books and periodicals, and has dispatched a number of qualified scholars to look at different cultural and religious establishments in the United Kingdom and abroad and to give advice on organizational, social and cultural problems. In terms of women and minority groups, we also have a record of successful achievement.

There is currently a special department for women and families at the Center through which we provide family classes and marriage counselling.

We intend to offer our services in social and cultural fields and be instrumental in eliminating social inequities and hardship that exist in some communities. We think that our relative success in the field of education makes us a suitable candidate for requesting consultative status with the Council, which has endeavoured so much to create equal opportunity for the needy and the dispossessed.

38. MINBYUN - LAWYERS FOR A DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY

Address: 5F Shinjung Bldg., 1555-3
Seocho-dong, Seocho-ku
Seoul
Republic of Korea
137-070

Category requested: special

Date established: 1988

Membership: the organization is a national organization, with 298 individual members nationwide in two local chapters.

Summary of financial statement for June 1997 to May 1998 (United States dollars)

Income	
Membership dues	151 619
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from intergovernmental organizations	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts etc.	-
Other income	57 648
Total	209 267

Expenditure	
Administration	140 184
Projects	56 858
Other activities	4 445
Total	201 487

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The objective of MINBYUN - Lawyers for a Democratic Society is to contribute to the overall democratic movement by providing legal expertise and rational alternatives to advance progressive and constructive reforms.

To further advance democracy in the Republic of Korea and gain expertise, MINBYUN researches and analyses various laws and legal structures that impede the advancement of human rights, MINBYUN also offers solutions to legal problems in the field of human rights, and such proposals have been utilized by the National Assembly to amend various laws. In cases involving serious human rights violations, MINBYUN lawyers will conduct on-site investigations and submit reports to relevant authorities. When necessary, letters of protest are sent and lawsuits are instituted to remedy the wrong.

The systematic and continued application of national security and other laws to suppress human rights and persecute individuals who exercise their constitutionally guaranteed rights require MINBYUN lawyers to not only represent defendants in criminal proceedings but also monitor the authorities for any unlawful conducts, such as obtaining confession by use of torture. Recently, the scope of involvement has widened to cover environmental protection and social welfare.

MINBYUN formulates public opinion on issues related to human rights by publishing and circulating pamphlets, books, printed materials and findings of petition drives. Through its publications, MINBYUN informs the general public of undisclosed facts involving human rights.

MINBYUN works closely with other organizations to promote democratic causes. Cooperation can take various forms and includes research, on-site investigation and opinion-building. MINBYUN provides legal assistance to individuals whose rights have been violated.

MINBYUN started to work with UNHCR on asylum seekers in the Republic of Korea after signing an agreement in March 1999, MINBYUN is providing legal representation.

MINBYUN is also involved in international activities and is an active participant in various international human rights organizations. MINBYUN publishes information on international human rights activities and seeks to raise the domestic level of protection of human rights on a par with international standards. MINBYUN, in the capacity of a non-governmental organizations, drafts reports pursuant to various international human rights agreements and submits its reports to the United Nations.

MINBYUN submitted the counter report to the government report in accordance with the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights to the Human Rights Committee in 1992. Cho Yong Hwan, a member of our organization, has sent communications to the Committee and obtained decisions from the committee relating to national security law cases. It is currently preparing its second report to the second government report that will be considered at the sixty-sixth session of the Human Rights Committee. Two of our members participated in the fifty-fifth session of the Commission on Human Rights and made interventions in the name of the Republic of Korea human rights network under item 11 (Civil and political rights). If MINBYUN is granted consultative status, its activities will be enhanced by its association with the Council.

39. OLABISI OLALEYE FOUNDATION

Address: Suite 44, Collingwood House
99 New Cavendish St.
London WIM 7FQ
United Kingdom

Category requested: special

Date established: 13 December 1989

Membership: the organization is an international organization, with three individual members and no organization members in two countries.

Summary of financial statement for 1996-1997 (pounds sterling)

Income	
Membership dues	-
Contributions from Governments	-
Contributions from other non-governmental organizations	-
Revenue from contracts	-
Other income	4 525
Total	4 525
Expenditure	
Administration	4 525
Projects	-
Other activities	-
Total	4 525

Aims and activities and participation in the work of the Council

The Olabisi Olaleye Foundation was founded in the context of the United Nations Charter, and is firmly committed to ensuring that the impetus created by the United Nations Charter in favour of the individuals and their rights is carried forward and enhanced. In this respect, its activities correspond fully to the conception of post-Charter action endorsed by the Commission on Human Rights, the World Health Organization and UNESCO. The activities of those organizations are directed primarily towards the promotion and practical application of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and of those articles and principles of other international declarations and legal instruments accepted by the United Nations inasmuch as they concern the interests and rights of the individual, as well as towards the constructive amelioration of international instruments and of their implementation in the interests of the individual.

The organization aims to act as a focal point at the international level to protect and defend the rights of the individual exposed to acts of cruelty, inhuman and degrading treatment and exploitation and to prevent such acts.

The work of the organization is carried out in many different ways: intervention in specific cases of violations of the rights of the child; dissemination of publications and information about the situation of the rights of individuals in the jurisdictions of operation; participation in international seminars or conferences on different aspects of the rights of the individual, provision of advice in this field etc. In undertaking these activities, it defends individuals continuously and refers to basic principles of the United Nations, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The Olabisi Olaleye Foundation will continue to participate actively in United Nations sponsored meetings on the rights of the individual. The organization will expand its information-sharing activities to relevant sections of the United Nations Secretariat, and will participate in and offer its expertise to the Commission on Human Rights. At all times, the Olabisi Olaleye Foundation will seek opportunities to lend its research and operational activities to areas of interest to the Council as they concern the defence of the rights of the individual.